



L. BROOKS PATTERSON, OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Mr. Lawrence Leveque
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
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Dear Mr. Leveque:

As the County Executive for Oakland County, Michigan I supervise a community of 910 square miles with approximately 1.1 million population. Part of our area includes Highland Township, a community about which I am sure you have received similar correspondence.

There is an ongoing issue within Highland Township that touches not only environmental concerns, but also the economic prosperity of this developing township. I am referring specifically to the Hi-Mill Superfund case.

I have had an opportunity to review the U.S. EPA's Proposed Plan for Remedial Action at the Hi-Mill site and want to go on record in support of the Agency conclusions and recommendations. Your plan of action is based upon a thorough, thoughtful analysis of the conditions at the Hi-Mill site, and therefore you have proposed a structured remedial plan which will protect both the public health, the environment, and the local economy.

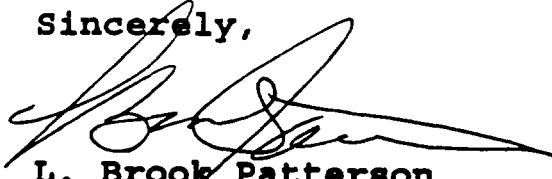
As you may know, Hi-Mill Manufacturing, while it is a small company, is a major employer in the Highland Township community. The continued economic vitality of this emerging rural township is significantly dependent upon the ability of Hi-Mill Manufacturing Company to stay in business. The costs of dealing with environmental issues during the past five years, combined with the affects of a sluggish economy, have placed an enormous

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strain on Hi-Mill Manufacturing. I am pleased, therefore, that the Agency has been able to develop a cost effective remedial plan which will effectively protect the health of my constituents, and at the same time not be detrimental to the scores of families who are dependent on Hi-Mill for their livelihood.

I urge implementation of the proposed plan as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



L. Brook Patterson
County Executive

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cc: Hi-Mill Manufacturing